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PERFORMING GROUPS IN U.S.

REF: A) MOSCOW 913; B) STATE 020149; C) MOSCOW 914

1. FOLLOWING IS AVAILABLE INFORMATION ON FEES AND SERVICES
RECEIVED BY SOVIET GROUPS FROM AMERICAN COMMERCIAL
IMPRESARIO HUOK. WE HAVE LEARNED THAT SERVICES RECEIVED
BY SOV GROUPS REMAIN ESSENTIALLY THE SAME WITH ALL GROUPS;
EXCEPTION TO THIS RULE APPLIES TO BOLSHOI OPERA AND BALLET
WHICH, IN ADDITION TO PER PERFORMANCE FEE AND SERVICES
DESCRIBED BELOW, ALSO INCLUDED SUPPORT FOR PREPRODUCTION
COSTS AND FEE FOR POSSIBLE TELEVISIONING. (ASSUME COPY OF
TERMS FOR BOLSHOI O AND B AVAILABLE TO EMB.).

A. MOSCOW ART THEATRE (ACTUAL NUMBER IN GROUP NOT KNOWN)
APPEARED IN NEW YORK CITY FOR FOUR TO FIVE WEEK PERIOD
DURING FEBRUARY-MARCH 1965. SPONSORED BY HUOK FOR SEVEN
PERFORMANCES WEEKLY WITH GUARANTEED FEE DOLLARS FOURTEEN
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THOUSAND WEEKLY (DOLS 2,000 PER PERFORMANCE) . FOOD AND

LODGING (PER DIEM) PAID FROM DATE OF ARRIVAL UP TO OPENING

DATE AFTER WHICH AMERICAN SPONSOR PAID FOR HOTELS ONLY AND SOVS PAID FOR MEALS. ALLOWANCE FOR MEALS FURNISHED BY SOVS AND NOT RPT NOT DEDUCTED FROM WEEKLY FEE PAYMENT. ABOVE IN ADDITION TO EACH SIDE ARRANGING AND PAYING FOR ONE WAY TRANSPORTATION.

B. MOSCOW STATE SYMPHONY (ESTIMATED ONE HUNDRED TWENTY MEMBERS INCLUDING STAFF) PRESENTED MINIMUM TWENTY THREE CONCERT SCHEDULE IN TWENTY THREE CITIES ON EASTERN SEABOARD AND INCLUDING TEXAS, WISCONSIN, INDIANA, MICHIGAN FROM OCTOBER 29-NOVEMBER 23, 1975. IN ADDITION ABOVE-NAMED SERVICES (UNDER A) AMERICAN IMPRESARIO PAID SOVS PER CONCERT FEE FIFTY FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS PLUS A SOLOIST PER CONCERT FEE OF DOLLARS FOUR TO FOUR HUNDRED FIFTY. (AGAIN NO DEDUCTIONS FROM FEE TO ALLOW FOR MEALS).

2. AS ABOVE INFORMATION BIT DIFFICULT TO OBTAIN WE NARROWED OUR INQUIRIES TO RELEVANT CATEGORIES; DRAMA AND SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA. WE INTRIGUED BY PAYMENT MADE ON MOSCOW ART THEATRE IN 1965 AND SUPAGIN'S INSISTENCE (REFTEL A) THAT SAME FEE BE PAID A.C.T. A DECADE LATER. IN CASE OF BOTH DRAMA AND SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA DOLLAR EARNINGS BY SOVS, BECAUSE OF EXTENDED STAYS IN U.S., FAR EXCEED THOSE MADE BY AMERICAN GROUPS IN SOVIET UNION. NOTE: SPONSOR HAS AGREED TO PROVIDE ABOVE INFORMATION FOR EMB'S BACKGROUND INFORMATION ONLY.

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